



## Hoosac Valley High School 2018-2019

### Words from Byrd: Week ending 12.21.18

#### **NEW THIS WEEK...**

**Senior, Alie Mendel**, scored her 1,000th point at the Hoosac Valley Girls' Basketball game versus Taconic on Thursday, December 20. Congratulations to Alie for all her hard work over the past 4 years as a Lady Cane!

**Taconic physical education teacher, Shaun Standard**, sent us a shout out! He wrote, "Congratulations to Hoosac! More impressively the Hoosac student body picked up all of their garbage and threw it away under the watchful eye of Molly. That was the best part of the game for Taconic."

**The JAZZ Band** dazzled us with holiday tunes this morning, starting at 7 a.m. (which means they were here at 6:15 a.m. setting up!)! What a wonderful treat for staff and students. Thanks to Jacob Keplinger and his wonderful Jazz Band for rounding out our week of holiday festivities.

**Shout out to everyone involved in the talent show:** One of our parents emailed the superintendent and me to say, “I needed to personally commend you and all those involved for the amazing talent show held on Saturday. I have been a parent in this district for over 20 years and this was by far one of the best and most inclusive events I have been a part of. I loved seeing children of all abilities able to showcase their talents on stage. The support from other students in the audience was incredible. I look forward to many more events such as this.”

THANK YOU to all the parents and families, who have been supporting us throughout the year! #hvhsfamily.

**Forestry Ecology 2nd Semester!** Forestry Ecology has moved to Period 3 for Semester 2. With a shift in the schedule, this could be the class for you! Do you have a study all Period 3? Do you want or need more science credits? Do you want to spend time outdoors? Here’s what Mrs. McGinnis does in class:

- Go outside to identify trees & flowers & other plants
- Learn about the resources our land has to offer
- Focus on the forests as a system, biological processes, climate change, and people’s influence
- Discuss positive and negative decisions and environmental issues that impact our forests and land
- Work toward improving the land locally (Nature Trail)
- This could lead to a career

**If you would like to add this to your Semester 2 schedule, stop by guidance when you come back to school on January 2, 2019.**

**FROM the CLASS ADVISORS**

**8th Grade:** Need information about the June trip to New York City? Email [dieszr@acrsd.net](mailto:dieszr@acrsd.net)

**9th Grade:** Class dues really need to be paid by the end of the year. You can pay \$50 per year, or you can pay in full \$200. Contact [tuckera@acrsd.net](mailto:tuckera@acrsd.net)

**10th Grade:** Class dues really need to be paid by the end of the year. You can pay \$50 per year, or you can pay in full \$200 (if you haven’t paid anything to date). Contact [koczelar@acrsd.net](mailto:koczelar@acrsd.net)

**11th Grade:** Class dues really need to be paid by the end of the year. You can pay \$50 per year, or you can pay in full \$200 (if you haven't paid anything to date). Contact [dwyerj@acrsd.net](mailto:dwyerj@acrsd.net)

**12th Grade:** Class dues AND fundraiser money need to be paid in full before Senior week (\$200 for dues). Senior week starts on May 28, 2019. You will start receiving various notices regarding graduation and end-of-the-year deadlines when we return from break. Contact [shafert@acrsd.net](mailto:shafert@acrsd.net)

**FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT and the SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT  
COUNSELOR**

**ADHD for Parents:** All session will be lead by a trained Brien Center therapist. In 5 or 6 structured meetings, they'll address

- How the ADHD brain differs from a neurotypical brain, and what that means for your child
- Tips for changing and managing behavior, and how those two things are different
- Your kid's best source of support and strength
- Using positives to offset negatives
- ...and more!

Group limit: 8. Times and dates are dependent on member availability. For more information and to register, call Amy Price at 413-398-1342.

**AP FEES DUE:** final reminder. The cost is \$93 for each course your student is taking. If you feel your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, please contact Mrs. Lane by emailing [lanej@acrsd.net](mailto:lanej@acrsd.net) or by calling 743-5200 x5009.

**Jan. 1 and Jan. 15** college deadlines are coming up. Seniors... stay on track and make sure everything is sent in on time. Check in with your counselor if you have any questions.

**“What you can do to avoid or minimize holiday stress inducers”** presented by the American Psychological Association. Families can check it out at this website: <https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/holiday-stress.aspx>

**FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES**

**January 2, 2019**

Classes resume. Doors open at 7 a.m., and homeroom starts at 7:30 a.m.

**January 16, 2019**

Half-Day for Students. Dismissal is at 10:40 a.m. (Teacher inservice day).

**January 18, 2019**

Quarter 2 ends. Report cards will be distributed on Friday, January 25.

**January 21, 2019**

NO SCHOOL. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed).

**WE STILL WANT YOU TO KNOW...**

**Safety update:** Families, staff members, community members, etc. are reminded to park in designated parking areas throughout our campus. State Police are working with administration to construct a Medical Emergency Response Plan, and they were very clear that parking in “no parking” areas, handicapped areas (without the proper tag), or parking in the bus loop will result in ticketing and towing.

**Tutoring Center:** The HVHS tutoring center is open to all students grades 8-12 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2 p.m. until the late bus (3p.m. ish) in Ms. Reeves’ Room 303. National Honor Society students are working with the peers in all subject areas.

**New Entry Procedures:** You may have noticed new entry procedures to Hoosac Valley Middle and High School. **ALL *visitors*** must check in with the middle school office staff to receive a pass and be called in to the high-school side. If you have specific questions, please contact me at [byrde@acrsd.net](mailto:byrde@acrsd.net). **Dropping off items?** No need to sign in. You may drop those off in the first office, and those things will be delivered to the high school. Thank you!